

RUSSIANS ARE FIGHTING DESPERATELY IN GULF OF RIGA SECTION

German Land Forces on Oesel Island
Isolate the Russian Troops,
Capturing Many Prison-
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HUNS REPULSED ON WATER

Allies Keeping to Trenches in Fland-
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Maintain Them.

The German land forces now are driving hard against the Svorb peninsula, on the island of Oesel, with the object of capturing the batteries at Serel, which dominate the eastern entrance to the Gulf of Riga. According to the Berlin war office the Russians in this region are isolated, but are desperately resisting.

Berlin reports also that Abro Island, off the southern coast of Oesel and Runo Island, in the middle of the Gulf of Riga, have been occupied by Teutonic troops. It is asserted that 2,400 prisoners, thirty guns, twenty-one machine guns and several airplanes were captured by the Germans in Oesel.

To Seize Whole Island.

Apparently there has been no cessation in the rapid progress of the Germans to seize in its entirety the Russian island of Oesel, at the head of the Gulf of Finland. But although their troops now have taken the greater portion of the island, the aid they had experienced from their fleet in putting down Russian opposition in adjacent waters is meeting with considerable resistance from the Russian warships.

Russians Cautious.

The Russians are disinclined to throw their naval vessels into a general engagement with the invaders, fearing that the superiority of the Germans would result in losses to them which would leave open the pathway through the Gulf of Finland up to Petrograd. But in a small battle with torpedo craft and possible light cruisers the Russians have sunk two German torpedo boats and damaged two others in Soela Sound, to the north of Oesel Island, while the Russians themselves lost a torpedo boat destroyer. The German vessels, which were accompanied by a battleship, put out to sea after the engagement.

Keeping to Trenches.

The troops of the Entente Allies are still keeping to their trenches in Flanders, probably awaiting a betterment of soil conditions, which the recent rains and flooded streams rendered almost impracticable for attacks.

Possibly, however, Field Marshal Haig and the French commander on his left have not yet sufficiently pounded the German lines with their big guns to warrant the turning loose of the infantry for further gains. Day and night the British and French guns are showering the German positions with the usual mass of steel, which is thrown upon them prior to an attack, while the Germans at various points, especially in the important salient of the Ypres-Staden Railway, are replying vigorously.

French Regain Line.

To the south, along the Aisne front, the Germans, after a lively bombardment, have again attacked the French and succeeded in penetrating the entrenchments. The French immediately counter-attacked and regained the lost ground.

Little fighting of great intensity is taking place in any of the war theaters, but there is every indication that shortly along the Isonzo front in the Austro-Italian zone, another big battle will begin. From the head of the Adriatic northward to the Bainsizza plateau intense artillery duels are in progress along the front lines and against the Austrian lines of communication in the rear.

Air raids have been resumed by British naval airplanes on the German positions in Belgium. The Bruges dock and several airdomes were successfully bombed.

Washington, Oct. 15.—Federal court decrees upholding the provisions of the seamen's law which permit the master of a ship to retain half a sailor's wages until the end of a voyage were made effective today by the Supreme Court's refusal to review them.

NOTICE!

Complying with the request of the President of the United States and the Council of National Defense patriotic rallies will be held at the school houses mentioned hereafter, and at the dates given. Superintendent E. J. Browne has addressed a letter to the principals of the schools asking that arrangements be made according to schedule. Speakers will be sent to address the meetings.

At this time the President and the Council of Defense are emphasizing the importance of the campaigns for the sale of Liberty bonds, Food Conservation and general discussion of America's part in the great world struggle.

Those of us who are getting up these meetings and working in these campaigns are doing so as a duty to our Country and we are confident that our fellow citizens will attend these meetings and do their part to arouse our people to patriotic fervor in support of our great nation.

May I especially ask that school trustees co-operate in making this a rally occasion in their communities. Each Township Chairman of the County Council of National Defense will, of course, do everything possible to make these meetings a "rousing" success.

Meetings are scheduled as follows:
Monday Night, October 22 at 7:30
Pinewood, Harmony, Hicks, Union.

Tuesday Night, October 23.
Panola, Oakdale, Summerton, Big Branch.

Wednesday Night, October 24.
Jordan, New Zion, Davis Station, Home Branch.

Thursday Night, October 25.
Alcolu, Paxville, Trinity, Foreston.

Friday Night, October 26.
Enterprise, Turbeville, Sardinia, Silver.

Those of us at home are not asked to sacrifice much but for the sake of the Government and for the boys who are in training to offer their lives let us awaken a spirit of loyalty and service befitting citizens of the great Republic.

J. K. BREEDIN,

Publicity Chr. Council of Defense.

The following notice from Capt. Davis does not affect and has no reference to the patriotic rallies to be held throughout the County next week. Capt. Davis refers to the house to house food canvass.

The President requests postponement Food Campaign so as not to conflict with Liberty Bond campaign.

Big Mass Meeting at Court House on Friday, the 19th, at 4 p. m.

At the request of the President the Food Campaign authorities have postponed the beginning of Food Campaign from the week beginning Oct. 22nd to the week beginning Oct. 29th. This postponement does not mean that there is to be the slightest relaxation in the preliminary educational campaign. All previous instructions as to organization, daily reporting of results of canvass, use of every possible force in your community to awaken our people, etc., are still in effect.

The ladies some weeks ago made a preliminary campaign. If you then signed a pledge card, you are requested to immediately place window card in front of home, thus saving second solicitation. If you signed pledge card and have not received window card, kindly call at headquarters, (upon Mr. E. C. Horton, Campaign Manager), and secure window card before the 29th.

There will be a mass meeting in Manning at the Court House on Friday, the 19th inst., at 4 p. m. Not a single person connected with Clarendon's Organization, Captains, Lieutenants, Workers, Committeemen, can afford to miss this meeting. Your duties will be explained and supplies furnished those not yet supplied. It is hoped that Mr. A. V. Shell, U. S. Field Representative, will be on hand to address this meeting.

I want to impress upon every one that the call of the government in both the Liberty Bond and Food Campaigns, is urgent. The call must be answered. We cannot afford to fail. We must make up our minds to sacrifice a little of our time in the Food Campaign, and to lend the Government a little of our money, if our men at the front are to be properly equipped and have enough to eat while fighting our battles.

By order of W. C. DAVIS,
State Council of County Chairman.
Defense.

Red Cross Notes of Local Interest

The Red Cross wishes to acknowledge the receipt of the following donations:

Miss Rose Ehrich (memorial to Mr. Abe Levi) ----- \$ 5.00
The Jiff ----- 5.00
Mr. Tuff (a cotton buyer in our midst) ----- 10.00
Mr. C. R. Touchberry ----- 30.00
The Manning Oil Mill, through Mr. C. R. Sprott, coal for the stove at Headquarters.

The Manning Furniture Company has kindly supplied a number of chairs and tables. These gifts and loans are much appreciated, and thanks are extended to these generous friends.

Each week donations to the Red Cross will be acknowledged through the columns of The Times. These contributions may be handed to Miss Jessie McLean, Secretary, or whoever is in charge of Headquarters between 10 and 1 o'clock in the morning, and from 3 to 5 in the afternoon, every day, or Mr. Mitch Wells, Treasurer, at the Home Bank, or Mr. F. P. Burgess, Chairman, will be glad to receive them.

The gift or loan of a stove in which to burn Mr. Sprott's coal, and the loan of a good sewing machine will be most acceptable at Headquarters.

The following letter from one of Clarendon County's patriotic citizens is self explanatory:

Oct. 10, 1917.

Mr. Fred Lesesne,
Manning, S. C.

Dear Mr. Fred:—
Am pleased to hand you herein check for \$76.50 for our National Red Cross Fund, this being money won by me through the "Summerton Corn Club Contest."

Please ask Mr. J. K. Breedin to add the \$5.00 he subscribed to this amount.

With all good wishes for you and your interest in this work, I am,

Yours very truly,
C. H. Touchberry.

The amount subscribed to the Red Cross War Fund last June during Red Cross Week was \$8,839.25.

Additional subscriptions later, including the one above, swelled this amount to \$8,977.93. Of this amount there has been paid up to Oct. 16th, \$5,170.31, leaving a balance of \$3,807.62, yet to be paid in.

Notification cards have been sent to most of the subscribers and the others have been delayed a little because we had to send to National Headquarters for more blanks.

Make your check payable to Red Cross War Fund and mail it to Fred Lesesne, Manning, S. C., promptly and let Clarendon County have the honor of paying every dollar that she subscribed.

All subscriptions were to be paid by Nov. 1st. The names of all subscribers who have paid will be published soon after that date.

Charlton DuRant,
Chairman.

To All Chapters of the Southern Division:—
Your Chapter will be interested to know that Red Cross Institutes will

Camp Sevier Subscriptions.

Greenville, S. C., Oct. 16.—Total subscriptions for liberty loan bonds among the soldiers of the Thirtieth division at Camp Sevier, up to midnight last night, as reported today, were \$915,400. The regimental list is still headed by the 117th infantry or Third Tennessee, who reported a total of \$230,900.

GERMAN LINE PENETRATED

Counter Attacks Drive British Out, Berlin Declares.

Berlin, Oct. 15, via London.—British troops yesterday attacked on a front of nearly two and a half miles on the Arras front, between the Scarpe and the Cambrai-Arras road, says today's army headquarters statement, which reports the assault to have been broken down except in the center. Counter attacks at night drove out such of the British as had penetrated the central sector.

Heavy artillery fire and very active reconnoitering operations on the Flanders front are reported.

be conducted at many places in the United States beginning about the middle of October, the exact date to be announced later. The Institutes will offer courses for the training of those who are to help families of soldiers and sailors. They are intended primarily for the Executive Secretaries of Home Service Sections. Others with satisfactory preliminary training or experience who will give their full time to the Institute course for six weeks and who expect to give volunteer service in this field of Red Cross work, may be admitted.

The Red Cross believes that training is a necessary preparation for effective home service and that no time should be lost in getting ready for this work. (See Chapter 5 of ARC 201.) I am bringing the institute to your attention in the hope that one or more of your workers may wish to attend; and in order that they may be ready to act quickly when opening dates are announced. It is proper when your Chapter regards it to be necessary, to contribute toward the expenses of such a representative.

Great care should be exercised in the selection of persons to attend the Institute. The candidate must have a good education and should be of mature judgment. There are, however, no fixed standards which can be applied to determine the eligibility of candidates. You will readily appreciate, however, that the home service of families demands the utmost common sense and a willingness to learn by instruction and experience. It calls for both delicacy and intelligence.

In and near the Southern Division, in which your Chapter is situated, Institutes have been established as follows:

Miss Edith Thomson, Wesley Memorial Bldg., Atlanta, Ga.; Miss Margaret Laing, University of S. C., Columbia, S. C.; Mr. J. P. Kranz, Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. H. H. Hibbs, School of Social Economy, Richmond, Va.

Application should be made to the Director of the Institute which the student wishes to attend. The Institute Director will be glad to give any prospective student information about the curriculum or other matters.

In addition to the Institute which is for intensive training of students and which will require their full time, Chapter Courses of a more popular character and requiring less time of the student may be given by Chapters as a means of helping to meet the need of trained volunteers for work with families.

I should be pleased to answer any questions concerning these training courses. In closing may I ask you to bring this to the attention of the Home Service Section of your Civilian Relief Committee, and may I urge upon you the advisability of having a representative in one of these Institutes.

Yours sincerely,

Joseph C. Logan,
Director Civilian Relief Southern Division.

SOLDIERS AID THE LOAN

Generous Purchases Reported From Fort Oglethorpe.

Reports from Fort Oglethorpe show that the second liberty loan is meeting with success there, Fort Oglethorpe proper, without training camps, reporting \$796,800 up to Saturday midnight. The largest subscription from one organization was \$96,150, from the Fifty-third infantry, Col. C. E. Tayman, commander. The largest subscription per capita was \$64, from the Fifty-fifth infantry, Lieut. Col. B. F. Hardaway, commander. Fort Oglethorpe, including the officers' training camp and medical training camp, reports \$1,211,300.

The coast defenses in the South-eastern Department are doing their share in the promotion of the liberty loan. Charleston has a total of \$43,000 subscribed. Cape Fear ranks second, with \$30,650. The First Band, coast artillery corps, Fort Moultrie, reports \$142.50 per capita.

ADVERTISE IN THE TIMES.

NEED THEM TO BUILD SHIPS

Hurley Would Have Trained Workmen Exempted.

Washington, Oct. 16.—In order to make certain the carrying out of its great ship building program of 1,000,000 tons by March 1, and some 13,000,000 tons in the next two years, the shipping board has under consideration the question of recommending exemption from military service for all men employed in ship yards. Chairman Hurley conferred tonight with President Wilson and this matter is understood to have been discussed.

The expansion of present yards and the building of many new ones to meet the government's requirements for both merchant and war vessels has created a great demand for workers. Sufficient skilled men are not available and new men must be trained. Officials of the board think that men thus trained should not be taken into the military establishment.

THE SOLDIERS' LIBRARY FUND.

Some time ago Mr. R. M. Kennedy of Columbia, director of the campaign to raise \$15,000 in South Carolina for the library fund for the camps, asked me to raise some money in Clarendon County. I asked Miss Vallye Appelt to take charge of this and she did so at once with energy and devotion. Yesterday I mailed a check to Mr. Kennedy for \$90 as a result of Miss Appelt's efforts, and I hope other contributions may be received.

Contributions are credited to communities, as follows:

Turbeville	-----	\$12.00
New Zion	-----	2.00
Wilson	-----	3.60
Foreston	-----	4.25
Sardinia	-----	1.00
Alcolu	-----	34.60
Manning	-----	32.55
Total	-----	\$90.00

J. K. BREEDIN.

OPEN BOATS ARE SHELLED

Two Men Killed by Shots From U-Boats.

Washington, Oct. 16.—Small boats from a British steamer recently attacked by two submarines were mercilessly shelled by one of the U-boats, two men being killed and seven others wounded, the State Department was advised today in consular dispatches. One other man was killed before the crew abandoned the steamer, which carried a number of Americans.

One of the men killed by the shelling of the boats was James D. Tringor, a horseman of Roanoke, Va., while another American, Frank Donohu, a horseman of Philadelphia, was among the wounded. The other Americans were saved.

The date and place of the attacks were not disclosed.

TEUTONS LOSE TWO VESSELS

Russians Lose But One Torpedo Boat in Battle.

Petrograd, Oct. 16.—Two German torpedo boats were sunk, two others were damaged and one Russian torpedo boat went to the bottom in an engagement on Sunday in Soela Sound, north of Oesel Island, the official statement announces.

The Russian torpedo craft sunk was the Grom (destroyer) of 1,100 tons, built in 1914-15, speed 34 knots, (complement 93 men). More than a dozen German torpedo boats had forced their way through Soela Sound, supported by a German battleship, when they were met by the Russians and turned back.

MUST FILE TRANSLATIONS

Otherwise Postoffice Not Handle Foreign Language Papers.

Washington, Oct. 16.—Foreign language newspapers issued after midnight and not licensed by the Post-office Department under the Trading With the Enemy Act must file with their local postmasters English translations of all articles referring to the government of any nation at war. Otherwise the publications may not be mailed or distributed in any other way, under heavy penalties.

Postmaster General Burleson announced tonight that more than a thousand papers had been licensed.

PRESIDENT APPROVES OF NITRATE PLANT AT SHEFFIELD, ALA.

President Wilson Approves Location for One of Government's Factories.

NEAR PHOSPHATE ROCK

Enough Land Being Acquired, Says Report, to Permit of Large Expansion.

Washington, Oct. 16.—Sheffield, Ala., as a site for one of the nitrate plants for which Congress appropriated \$20,000,000, was announced today by the War Department.

The Secretary of War authorized the following announcement regarding the location of the government nitrate plant:

"The Secretary of War announces that the President has approved the location at Sheffield, Ala., of the initial ammonia and nitric acid plants to be constructed with a portion of the \$20,000,000 appropriated for nitrate supply by the National Defense Act, providing a suitable site be there obtained at reasonable price. As satisfactory prices have now been agreed upon for the transfer of the several parcels of land involved, the location of these initial plants at Sheffield may now be regarded as assured.

"Sheffield, Ala., is located on the Tennessee river just below the Muscle Shoals and is near to the phosphate beds of Central Tennessee. On site selected there are several substantial steel buildings which can be utilized with a saving of expense and of time.

"These initial plants were planned with a view to determining the best and most economical process of nitrogen fixation. Enough land is being acquired to permit of large expansion—by the same or by other processes—in case such expansion at the same place shall be decided upon. These plants will produce material of much value in the manufacture of munitions for the war. After the war any excess of their product over the munitions requirements may be sold for use in fertilizer."

RUMOR SAYS PRIVATE WAS BRUTALLY WHIPPED AT CAMP WADSWORTH

Investigation of Alleged Brutal Treatment of Soldier at Camp Wadsworth.

FOUR NON-COMS ACCUSED

Officers of 105th Field Artillery Refuse to Discuss the Matter.

Spartanburg, Oct. 16.—An investigation is in progress in the 105th field artillery, the old Second, involving an alleged brutal whipping said to have been administered to Private Otto Gottschalk, of Battery D, last Saturday by four non-commissioned officers, said to be acting under orders of Capt. Howard E. Sullivan. The nature of Gottschalk's offense is not revealed and no official comment is to be had on the matter further than the admission on the part of the officers that the investigation is in progress and a report on the whole matter will be submitted to Brig. Gen. Phillips, probably tomorrow.

According to the story going around camp, Gottschalk was stripped and beaten by the non-commissioned officers while Capt. Sullivan looked on the performance. Gottschalk was confined to his tent this afternoon and showed signs of his treatment by bruises on his hands. Capt. Sullivan when asked today for a statement, declined to discuss the matter and referred newspaper men to Capt. Freganiere, the regimental adjutant, who also expressed the opinion that the public was not concerned in the incident.

Col. George A. Wingate, who is acting commander of the brigade, said the matter had been reported to him on Sunday and as brigade commander he had reported the affair to Gen. Phillips. Col. Wingate said the report of the matter, together with recommendations will go to the commanding general tomorrow.